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## AFRL personnel participate in workshop

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate organized and participated in the recent New York State Nano-Biomolecular Information Technology (NYNBIT) workshop at the State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNY IT) in Utica, N.Y.

Dr. Tom Renz of the directorate's Information Technology Division was the organizer of the event, which was designed to form an organization for coordinating New York State research in information technology related nano-biotechnology.

The workshop was hosted by SUNY IT and was attended by representatives of New York University (NYU), Rochester Institute of Technology, Binghamton University, SUNY IT, SUNY-Geneseo, SUNY-Oneonta and AFRL. Cornell and Syracuse Universities are also participating in the new organization.

"The workshop opened with briefs on current programs by the university representatives," Dr. Renz said. "Potential collaborations were discussed, as well as organization types and funding sources and a plan for future progress was developed."

Members of the group agreed to create a proposal to the state for creation of a Center for Advanced Technology (CAT). The New York NBIT CAT would begin in 2006, with at least four small businesses as partners.

"Creation of a Center for Advanced Technology at SUNY IT will create a closely tied community of researchers available for AFRL projects and support our research with leveraged state and private funding," Dr. Renz said. "Most of the work proposed will directly benefit the Information Directorate's novel computing architectures program and the CAT making New York a pioneer in the area of nano-biotechnology for computing, bringing research funding and jobs to the region." @